



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES  
ONSITE SEWAGE PROGRAM  
**REGISTERED OWTS PROFESSIONALS CEU EXERCISE**

**Math for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems  
Questionnaire #110**

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For Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit, read the linked documents, complete the following questionnaire and return the completed questionnaire by either mailing to DHSS, Onsite Sewage Program, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or faxing to 573-526-7377.	CEU	Installer	Inspector	OSE	Perc Tester
Minimum Standards for Lagoons, <a href="#">19 CSR 20-3.060(6)(D)</a> <a href="#">Basic Math section</a> of the OWTS Installer Manual <a href="#">Soil report, site classification, and recommendations for Question 5</a>	2.0	✓	✓	✓	✓
Question Number 6 –Optional Pressure Calculations	0.5	✓	✓	✓	✓

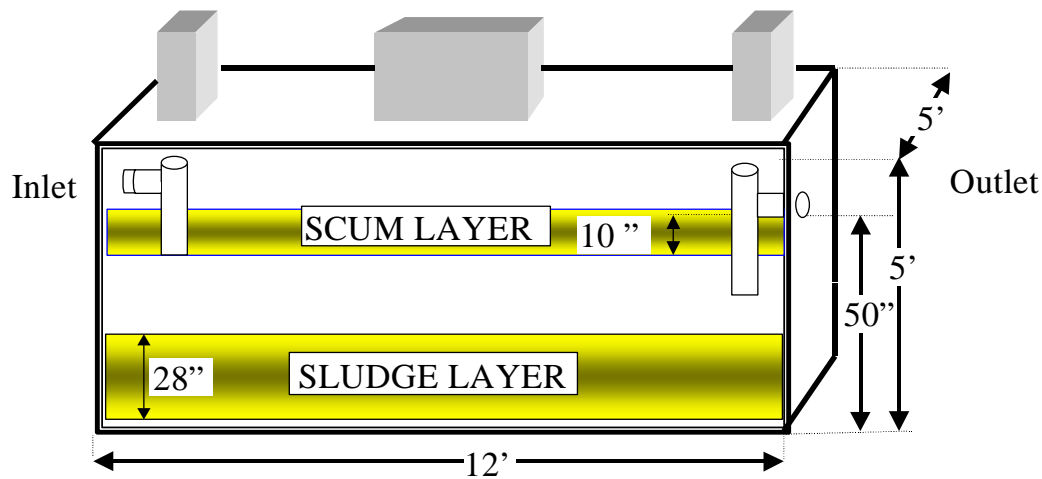
**TOTAL POSSIBLE: 2.5 CEUs**

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*have used the documents listed above and completed the following questions:*

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Signature Contact Phone Number Date

1. A hypothetical soil evaluation indicates a 2.3-acre lot (250 feet by 400 feet) is suited to a lagoon system. The lagoon must be sized to serve a three-bedroom home. Below, show your calculations for sizing the lagoon, and on a separate sheet of paper (graph paper recommended), accurately draw a lagoon to serve this home. Draw both a plan layout and a cross-sectional view of the lagoon showing all lagoon dimensions. Show the following minimum setback distances: property lines, owner's house, neighbor's house, and a private well. *Hint: follow the design criteria found in [19 CSR 20-3.060\(6\)\(D\)](#).*

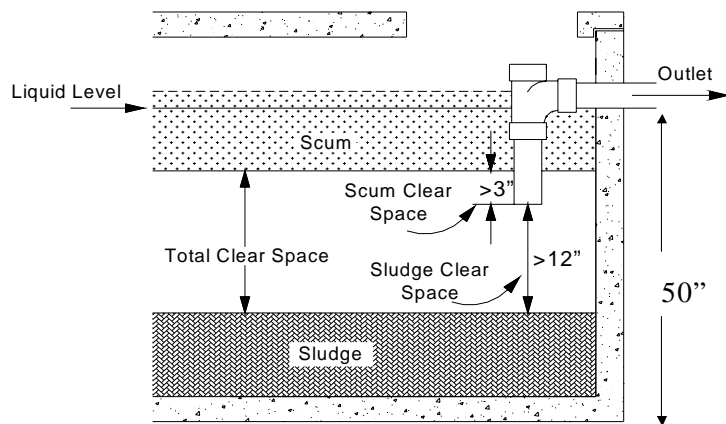


2. Using the graphic above and the math section of your installer manual, answer the following questions:

- a. Determine the liquid volume in the tank. \_\_\_\_\_ cubic feet
- b. Convert the liquid volume in question '2a' to gallons. \_\_\_\_\_ gallons
- c. For a system serving two houses with a total of seven (7) bedrooms, what is the minimum required septic tank liquid volume? \_\_\_\_\_ gallons
- d. Would the volume calculated in question '2b' above meet the minimum size requirements for the two houses? (Circle yes or no.)  
Yes      No
- e. For a 7-bedroom system, determine the retention time for this tank. \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- f. Does this tank need to be pumped? (Circle yes or no.)  
Yes      No

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

## Septic Tank



Pump when scum clear space is <3" or sludge clear space is <12"

3. Using the diagram above, of a 1000-gallon concrete tank and the standards in 19 CSR 20-3-060(4), answer the following:
  - a. The outlet tee/baffle must extend at least how far above the liquid surface? \_\_\_\_\_ inches
  - b. The outlet baffle must extend below the liquid surface a distance of 40% of the liquid depth. How far below the liquid level should the baffle extend? \_\_\_\_\_ inches
  - c. How far should the inlet be above the outlet level? \_\_\_\_\_ inches
  - d. The inlet tee/baffle must extend to what depth below the liquid level? \_\_\_\_\_ inches
4. For this question, assume that you are to submit a bid for an OWTS to serve a two-bedroom home. The owner has already contacted a soil evaluator who determined that the soil loading rate for trenches 20 inches deep is 0.4 gallons per day per square foot. Using this information answer the following:
  - a. What minimum size septic tank would be needed? \_\_\_\_\_ gallons
  - b. What is the estimated daily flow? \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/day
  - c. What is the minimum size of the treatment area (trench bottom area)? \_\_\_\_\_ square feet
  - d. Is there enough information provided to determine the type and size of the treatment area? If not, what additional information would you need? (Circle yes or no.)
 

Yes
No

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5. For this question, assume that a homeowner contacts you about installing an onsite system for their new home. During your discussion with the owner you determine that the house is a four-bedroom home where the owner lives with his wife, three children and his elderly parents. He has a 10-acre parcel and knows a little about onsite systems and knows that he doesn't want a lagoon. You explain that you will need to have a soil evaluation done to determine the soil conditions and then use that information to select and design an onsite system. The homeowner agrees to have a soil evaluation done and asks that you keep him informed and that when you have a completed proposal to call and you can meet. Using the [soil morphology report](#) provided answer the following:
- a. What size septic tank is needed? \_\_\_\_\_ gallons
  - b. What is the estimated daily flow? \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/day
  - c. Can a conventional system be installed? (Circle yes or no.) Yes No
  - d. At what depth would you install the lateral lines? \_\_\_\_\_ inches
  - e. What soil loading rate would you use to size the system? \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/day/ft<sup>2</sup>
  - f. What is the minimum size of the treatment (trench bottom) area? \_\_\_\_\_ square feet
  - g. Based on the equivalency in the Minimum Construction Standards, [19 CSR 20-3.060\(5\)\(A\)15.E.](#), what is the minimum total length of lateral trench needed if 22-inch chambers are used?  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet
  - h. Based on the minimum length of this system, what distribution method(s) would comply with the Minimum Construction Standards?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR AN OPTIONAL 0.5 CEUs:

6. Use the calculation tool provided on the web, <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Onsite/Pressuremanifolds.html>, to calculate the minimum size of the absorption system and a pressure manifold layout for the situation in question '5'. (Use the calculator default settings and the following: **85 feet of supply line with a diameter of 1½ inches, ¼-inch drilled holes, and 8 feet of elevation head.**) Answer the questions below and provide a drawing of how the system would be laid out. Include a trench detail drawing that shows the valve assembly and the number of holes per lateral line.
- a. What is the calculated output for minimum pump **flow capacity**? \_\_\_\_\_ gpm
  - b. What is the calculated output for minimum pump **head capacity**? \_\_\_\_\_ feet
  - c. What caution is offered if you choose 1¼-inch diameter supply line?
- \_\_\_\_\_

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